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### GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(LOCAL GOVERNMENT-4 BRANCH)

[Punjab Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh]

### NOTIFICATION

The 21st October, 2020

### GUIDELINES/ SOPs FOR DOMESTIC HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT & SANITARY WASTE MANAGEMENT

**No.5/133/2020-21g4/1942.-**The domestic hazardous waste and sanitary waste is generated in almost each household and it must be managed in scientific manner by the waste generators and responsible authorities concerned to minimise the impacts on health and environment. To ensure safe disposal of domestic hazardous and sanitary waste, these model guidelines/ SOPs have been formed and to be adopted by all Urban Local Bodies of Punjab state with immediate effect.

**Domestic Hazardous Waste (DHW):** discarded paint drums, pesticide cans, CFL bulbs, tube lights, expired medicines, broken mercury thermometers, used batteries, used needles and syringes and contaminated gauge etc [Rule-3 (17) of Solid Waste Management Rules 2016] generated is very less fraction of municipal solid waste but very dangerous.

**Sanitary Waste (SW):** wastes comprising of used diapers, sanitary towels or napkins, tampons, condoms, incontinence sheets and any other similar waste [Rule-3 (41) of Solid Waste Management Rules 2016] ;

**Waste Generator** means every person or group of persons, every residential premises and non residential establishments including Indian Railways, defence establishments, which generate solid waste Rule-3 (56) of Solid Waste Management Rules 2016].

**Waste Collector** means formal and informal waste collectors involved in door to door collection of waste.

### DUTIES OF WASTE GENERATORS (Rule 4 of SWM Rules 2016)

Rule 4 (1) provides the duties of every waste generator regarding management of domestic hazardous

wastes. Every waste generator is responsible-

1. To segregate and store the waste generated by them in separate streams namely bio-degradable/ wet waste, non biodegradable/ dry waste and domestic hazardous waste and sanitary waste in suitable bins and handover segregated wastes to authorised waste pickers or waste collectors as per the direction or notification by the local authorities from time to time;
2. To wrap securely the used sanitary waste like diapers, sanitary pads etc., in a suitable wrapping material as instructed by the local authorities and shall keep the same in the separate bin;
3. Not to mix the domestic hazardous waste/ sanitary waste with other wastes; (Mix waste, if any, will be segregated at Material Recovery Facility or at any designated place.)
4. Not to throw / open dumping / burning of domestic hazardous waste/ sanitary waste in any manner.
5. To handover segregated domestic hazardous waste and sanitary waste to waste pickers, waste collectors, recyclers or waste collection agencies;
6. To deliver the domestic hazardous waste at Material Recovery Facility or any designated place of the ULB for its temporary storage.
7. The BWGs (Solid Waste) will directly deliver the domestic hazardous waste to the authorised dismantlers/ recyclers or deliver the domestic hazardous waste/ sanitary waste at MRF/ designated places of the ULBs at their own cost with the permission of ULB's Authorities. The ULBs may take user charges for usage of MRFs. BWGs will also maintain the logbook recording the quantity of domestic hazardous waste/ sanitary waste collected/ deliver/ supplied.
8. Commercial entities i.e. shop keepers/ organizations/ institutions/ offices will directly dispose off their domestic hazardous waste through authorised dismantlers/ recyclers and maintain the logbook recording quantity of domestic hazardous waste/ sanitary waste collected/ deliver/ supplied/ disposed off.

#### **DUTIES OF LOCAL BODIES (Rule 15 of SWM Rules 2016)**

Every Local Body is responsible:-

1. To establish waste deposition centres for domestic hazardous waste and give direction for waste generators to deposit domestic hazardous wastes at this centre for its safe disposal.
2. To deploy waste collector for door to door collection of domestic hazardous waste/ sanitary waste / SWM regularly in a separate covered container installed on the waste collection vehicle and take user charges fixed for door to door solid waste collection or authorise the informal waste collectors for the same.
3. To handover the domestic hazardous waste to the authorised dismantlers/ recyclers at fixed intervals and ensure the safe disposal of sanitary waste.
4. To maintain a logbook for maintaining the record of domestic hazardous waste collected and given to the authorised dismantlers/ recyclers and also for sanitary waste.
5. To take penal action against the violators of throwing / open dumping and burning of domestic hazardous waste/ sanitary waste.
6. To ensure that waste collectors/ workers to wear required PPE while handling domestic hazardous waste/ sanitary waste.

7. To create public awareness through information, education and communication campaign and educate the waste generators regarding importance of health & hygiene, segregated collection.
8. To conduct Capacity Building programmes for stakeholders.

#### **DUTIES OF WASTE COLLECTORS**

The every waste collector (formal or informal) is responsible:-

1. To collect the waste door to door regularly at the fixed time as decided by the ULBs or responsible Authority.
2. To collect the waste door to door in segregated manner as directed by the ULBs' Authorities.
3. Not to through/ open dump/ burn the waste and deliver the waste in segregated manner (wet, dry, domestic hazardous and sanitary waste) at MRFs or at any designated place of the ULB.
4. To wear personal protective safety equipments while dealing with waste.
5. To follow instructions of the ULBs's Authorities time to time.

#### **DUTIES OF MANUFACTURERS OR BRAND OWNERS OR MARKETING COMPANIES OF SANITARY NAPKINS AND DIAPERS (Rule 17 of SWM Rules 2016)**

1. The manufacturers or brand owners or marketing companies of sanitary napkins and diapers is responsible:-
2. To explore the possibility of using all recyclable materials in their products or they shall provide a pouch or wrapper for disposal of each napkin or diapers along with the packet of their sanitary products.
3. To educate the masses for wrapping and disposal of their products.

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